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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Willy MARRECAU et al.

Title: DIESEL EXHAUST FILTER SYSTEM WITH
ELECTRICAL REGENERATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

A1
7. (Once Amended) A system according to claim 1, said system further comprising electrical contacts at one end of said strips, said contacts enabling electrical energy be supplied to said strips in order to regenerate said strips.

A2
13. (Once Amended) A system according to claim 1, said system further comprising an electrode to ionize fine particles of the diesel exhaust gas so that said fine particles are caught by the strips or so that they conglobate together to be caught by the strips.